

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A roof for a convertible vehicle, comprising:

first and second roof parts ~~which are movable by means of~~ and a bearing mechanism for moving the first and second roof parts between a closed position for covering an interior of a vehicle and a lowered position in a rear roof deposition space for exposing the vehicle interior; and

a locking device for interlocking of the first and second roof parts in the closed position of the roof,

wherein the locking device has a first closing unit for mutual interlocking of the first and second roof parts and which is coupled to a drive means, and

wherein the first closing unit has a coupling means for coupling to a second closing unit which acts on one of the first and second roof parts and which interlocks the acted upon roof part to a third roof part or to a body part; and

wherein one of the closing units has a bearing part which is attached to one of the first and second roof parts, the bearing part having a centering journal which is adapted to engage a centering sleeve which is attached to a bearing part on the other of the first and second roof parts so as to produce, when the roof closes, a centering engagement from when the first and second roof parts come into proximity with one another until they border each other and locking elements of the locking device engage.

2. (Currently Amended) The roof of claim 1, ~~further comprising wherein said coupling means additionally forms~~ a connection between the drive means and a third closing unit and ~~between the first, second and third closing units~~ is formed by at least one of rods and compressively stiff cables.

3. (Currently Amended) A roof for a convertible vehicle, comprising:

first and second roof parts and a bearing mechanism for moving the first and second roof parts between a closed position for covering an interior of a vehicle and a lowered position in a rear roof deposition space for exposing the vehicle interior; and

a locking device for interlocking of the first and second roof parts in the closed position of the roof,

wherein the locking device has a first closing unit for mutual interlocking of the first and second roof parts and which is coupled to a drive means, and

wherein the first closing unit has a coupling means for coupling to a second closing unit which acts on one of the first and second roof parts and which interlocks the acted upon roof part to a third roof part or to a body part; ~~The roof of claim 1,~~ wherein the first closing unit has a first bearing part which movably supports a locking journal on the first roof part, and a second bearing part which movably supports a slide on the second roof part and which is assigned to the first bearing part, and

a closing motion of the roof or the first through third roof parts couples the locking journal to the slide, and an opening motion separates the locking journal from the slide.

4. (Original) The roof of claim 3, wherein the slide is pre-tensioned into a coupling position thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The roof of claim 3, ~~[[1,]]~~ wherein each of the first through third closing unit includes a centering means ~~which, for centering two adjacent parts relative to one another in the closed position of the roof, is held by an~~ said two adjacent parts being two parts of one of the first and second roof parts, the second and third roof parts, the first roof part and a body part adjacent thereto~~[[,]] centers said adjacent two parts relative to one another.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The roof of claim 1, wherein the first, second and third roof parts comprise a front roof part, a middle roof part, and a rear roof part, respectively,

the first, second and third roof closing units comprise a middle closing unit, a rear closing unit, and a front closing unit, respectively,

the body part comprises an apron,

the front closing unit interlocks the front roof part to the apron,

the middle closing unit interlocks the front roof part to the middle roof part,

the rear closing unit interlocks the middle roof part to the rear roof part, and

the drive means is located on one of the ~~front roof parts and the middle roof part.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The roof of claim 6, wherein the rear closing unit has a locking journal which is movably supported on a front bearing part and which is fixable on a rear bearing part.

8. (Original) The roof of claim 7, wherein the rear bearing part is located on one of the first, second and third roof parts or the body part.

9. (Original) The roof of claim 1, wherein the drive means includes a mechanically, electrically, hydraulically or pneumatically acting drive means.